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## Kovaleski assumes command of Hunter Army Airfield



**Colonel Kevin Milton, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, passes the garrison colors to Lt. Col. Ed Kovaleski, Hunter AAF incoming commander, during a change of command ceremony on post June 24.**

**Jennifer Hartwig**  
Hunter Army Airfield  
Public Affairs

“The only constant in the Army is change, and we move from place to place.”

Those are the words of Hunter Army Airfield's former garrison commander Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar, who on June 23, handed over command of the Hunter garrison to Lt. Col. Ed Kovaleski.

“It's bittersweet,” said Col. Kevin Milton, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander. “Number one, you hate to see a good officer leave your command or the community; but second, you know two things: first, you know the officer's making a good move for the progression of his future, which is good for the Army; the second thing is, the Army's got a really deep bench, we've got a bunch of quality officers, and the incoming commander, Lt. Col. Ed Kovaleski and his Family are going to be just as great and talented and wonderful as the Aguilar's were.”

During his two years at Hunter, Lt. Col. Aguilar was known for his strong community relations, which he said he is the most proud of during his time at Hunter.

Photo by Nancy Gould, Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

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## Senior Soldiers stay SHARP

**Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

It is a crime and the aftereffects upon the victim and the unit can be profound, taking many Soldiers out of the fight when it occurs. And it's something that will not be tolerated.

Measures to increase sexual assault awareness and sustain momentum for prevention and increased reporting brought senior Marne leaders together for a Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention training seminar at Club Stewart, June 27, hosted by the 3rd Infantry Division SHARP

team.

“Senior leaders need to understand what our challenges are in terms of defeating this problem and eliminating sexual harassment and sexual assault from our Army,” said Mr. Alvin Newman, a SHARP Mobile Team Trainer based in Reston, Va. “It's important we keep our Soldiers safe.”

Although not a bad thing, as leaders seek to sustain efforts to decrease assaults and increase reporting, the number of victims reporting is also expected to temporarily increase.

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## 473rd QM deploys to Iraq for OND

**Sgt. Patience Okhuofu**  
260th QM Bn. Public Affairs

Soldiers assigned to 1st Platoon, 473rd Quartermaster Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, Third Infantry Division held a deployment ceremony June 14 at the Mighty 8th Museum in Pooler.

The platoon will deploy to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn as part of the Army's Redistribution Property Accountability Team, whose mission is to facilitate the expedient turn-in of all excess in-theater equipment, improve accountability and enable asset visibility of the received equipment.

“I am proud to be a part of this history,” said 1st Lt. Elvin Santos, 1st Platoon Leader.

This will be the first deployment for 1st Lt. Santos, who said it was a big challenge, but he is looking forward to taking care of his Soldiers, accomplishing the mission and bringing his platoon



Photo by Spc. Matthew Vogler.

**After taking charge of his platoon, 1st Lt. Elvin Santos stands before the crowd of fellow Soldiers and Family Members during the 1st Platoon, 473rd QM Co. deployment ceremony.**

home at the end of the deployment.

“This is the first time we will be separated for a long period of

time,” added Leilani Santos, 1st Lt. Santos's wife. “It will be difficult but I believe we will adjust.”

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## Vanguard Brigade return, mission complete



Photo by Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.

**Colonel Lou Lartigue, 4th IBCT commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Altman, brigade senior enlisted advisor, unfurl the brigade Colors at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, June 23, during a welcome home ceremony signifying the Vanguard Brigade's return from their year-long deployment to Iraq. See story on page 3A.**

## Soldiers with 233rd ready to flex their muscles

**Pfc. Justin Mills**  
3rd Sustainment Brigade

Soldiers attached to the 396th Transportation Company, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, Third Infantry Division, are set to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The Soldiers, assigned to 1st Platoon, 233rd Transportation Company out of Fort Knox, Ky., will deploy with their parent unit as well as the 4th Platoon, out of Fort Benning, and will contribute to the mission by transporting heavy equipment, such as artillery and armor, to bases where it will be retrograded and either brought back to the U.S. or handed over to the Iraqi people in an effort to strengthen their forces.

The mission while deployed

is essentially the same as while home, said 1st Sgt. Andrew N. Durant, first sergeant for the 396th Trans. Co. The only difference is over there, the Soldiers will get to move armor and large equipment in greater quantity.

“They really get to flex their muscles over there and be utilized to their full capacity,” said Durant.

Although they train with their parent company at least once a quarter, this deployment is a good opportunity for the Soldiers who haven't deployed before to really learn their trade, said Sgt. Randy A. Baross, a head operator who has already deployed four times.

“All the training in the world doesn't compare to the knowledge gained when you actually

get boots on the ground,” he said.

First Sergeant Durant agreed with Baross, saying that this deployment is the perfect opportunity for the new guys to learn the ropes. One of the new guys who's ready and willing to learn the ropes is Pfc. Adrian E. Smith, a head operator who has been in the Army for a year and two months.

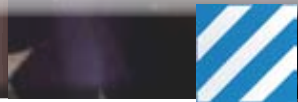
Although Pfc. Smith feels out of place since this will be his first deployment and he doesn't know what to expect, he is grateful to have the more experienced Soldiers in the company to help guide him through, he said.

“Training wise I'm ready to go,” said Pfc. Smith. “I'm nervous about not coming back, but this is what I signed up for. I've got a job to do and I'm gonna go over there and do it.”

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## From the Senior Commander

# Boots on the ground, first impressions



**Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams**  
*3rd Infantry Division Commanding General*

I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself and talk about my initial observations and a little about my vision. I'm Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams and I am the new Commander here.

My Family (wife-Connie, son-Robert)

and I came in from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and we have been thoroughly impressed since arriving at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. What a great place to live and serve!

Hinesville, Savannah and all of our coastal Georgia communities and neighbors are so supportive and there is so much to do here locally. We've made so many new friends in the community, and are grateful for their hospitality and support of Stewart-Hunter.

Since assuming command, I have been able to visit and see all areas of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. I also visited our 3rd Brigade Combat Team at Kelley Hill in Fort Benning as well. I have met a lot of people and am amazed by the quality and professionalism of our Soldiers and DA Civilians at every turn. We are full of incredible talent at every level! Pride and discipline resonated at every stop.

Most of our units have been in RESET from long deployments, and they are now conducting high quality tough, realistic individual and small unit training to re-hone our warrior skills.

Everything I have seen has been top notch with

leaders in the lead and Soldiers doing the right things. Third Infantry Division is blessed to have so many high quality leaders and Soldiers in its ranks. I could not be more proud by what I have seen thus far.

During the first month of command, Command Sgt. Maj. [Edd] Watson (our new division command sergeant major) and I met with numerous focus groups from units, Family Readiness Groups and community members. I would like to thank all of you who participated. The input we received was tremendous, and I assure you that we are hard at work addressing the issues that you raised.

I'm especially appreciative of our Family Members who took the time to meet with us. You, more than anyone, carry a big ruck sack for our Army and the nation, and I am very appreciative of all you do to support your Soldier, his unit and Stewart-Hunter. I look forward to meeting and talking with more of you!

Special thanks to all the Vanguard Families who have supported their Soldier these last 12 months while the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team blazed a new trail in Iraq. I've been honored to stand with you these past two weeks to welcome home every plane load of our returning Soldiers. Every welcome-home ceremony has been special and you remain an inspiration to all of us. WELCOME HOME VANGUARD!

The Third Infantry Division has an incredible history! Dog Face Soldiers of today are making their own mark on our Division's legacy. While none of the Brigades are on deployment orders, we must continue to build readiness in the event we are called on again to deploy. The Third Infantry Division remains the U.S. Army's decisive force for any contingency. We must keep ourselves in top physical condition and be a disciplined outfit that is built on trust at every level and every direction including with our Families. This is one of my top priorities.

Our installation has an incredible record of achieve-

ment that matches the Division's! We've won so many awards for excellence over the last 10 years that they put in a special rule that prevents any installation from winning the Army Community of Excellence award back to back. Our Garrison teams are dedicated and committed professionals who do their very best every day for all of our community. I look forward to meeting more of them in the coming weeks.

With all changes of command, there comes change to reflect the new Commander's priorities and vision. As I discussed with all our commanders and command sergeants major, I wanted to conduct a full assessment of the Division and the installation before I changed anything.

In the coming weeks you'll begin to see some changes - some subtle, some not so subtle - most rooted in feedback I received directly from you. I'm interested in your continued feedback so let me know your thoughts either through the ICE system or through your chain of command. I'm a firm believer in the chain of command, but I also realize that sometimes when the chain of command appears to not be listening or moving fast enough that Soldiers and Family Members need to elevate their voices.

I am establishing a CG HOTLINE email address for those occasional HOT issues that you need to bring to my attention. It will be published soon in this paper, on Team Stewart Web site and on our Facebook page. If you're interested in following my daily random observations and thoughts, follow me on Twitter @DogFaceSoldier. I write all my own stuff so you're hearing directly from me.

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work every day, and your service to our great Nation in a time of persistent conflict. I look forward to serving with you.

I am a Dog Face Soldier and I could not be more proud that I am as the Commander of the Third Infantry Division - the best Division in the Army! Rock of the Marne!

## Third ID commander briefs HMAC

**Denise Etheridge**  
*Frontline Contributor*

3rd Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams briefed Hinesville Military Affairs Committee members June 21 on what to expect from him and the Third Infantry Division.

The general said the division will focus more on the individual Soldier and training for the Army's modular transformation and emerging role as a contingency force.

Major General Abrams also told HMAC members he would be deploying "with 700 of his closest friends" to Iraq this fall to complete the U.S. military's final drawdown there. America's troops currently are slated to leave Iraq by Dec. 31. The general stressed that no decision has been made as to how long the deployment will be, but — in his opinion — it could last a year.

"The government of Iraq is considering asking us to stay longer," Maj. Gen. Abrams said. He added that military leaders must anticipate changing circumstances and plan for them.

HMAC, in turn, informed the general of its purpose and programs, including preparations for the annual Independence Day celebration to be held at Fort Stewart. HMAC members and volunteers coordinate the food court portion of the event each year.

Major General Abrams said the fabric of the Third Infantry Division is "frayed" from back-to-back deployments in the past 10 years, and it's time for division leaders to address the many issues Soldiers face due to war's multiple stresses. He specified such issues as suicide, marital strife, substance abuse and misconduct.

"It's sort of become the landscape of the division," the general said. "It set me back on my heels a little bit."

Major General Abrams intends to initiate a standard Marne duty day and duty week, increase contracts with mental-health providers off post and increase counselors on post, as well as look for more opportunities to help Soldiers release stress in positive ways.

The general also informed HMAC members that Col. (promotable) Christopher Hughes has been positioned to serve as the rear division commander during the Headquarters and Headquarters

Battalion's upcoming deployment. Hughes currently serves as deputy commander of support.

Abrams said Col. Thomas James left Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield last week for his new assignment. Colonel James will serve as the U.S. Army Armor School commandant at Fort Benning, according to a Department of Defense advisory. Colonel James most recently served as the 3rd ID's deputy commander of maneuver.

Major General Abrams also touched on the Army's new fiscal prudence, due to the economy's downturn. He said the Army must cut its force by about 22,000.

"We do have a fiscal crisis going on," the general said. "We all have to do our fair share."

Major General Abrams said the Army and the installation still will have enough funds to operate efficiently.

"(You) spend it like you spend your own money," he said. "Get what you need, not what you want."

On a lighter note, the general said communities in Coastal Georgia, especially Hinesville and Liberty County, do not seem to suffer from "deployment fatigue" as do communities in other parts of the country. Residents here staunchly support Soldiers and their Families, he said.

"None of us take it for granted," Maj. Gen. Abrams said. "I'm blown away by your generosity. Not everyone is this supportive." I personally am grateful for all your help on the 4th of July.

HMAC hospitality co-chairman P.J. Schneider briefed Maj. Gen. Abrams on the committee's efforts for the 4th of July "Worth Fighting For" celebration. The event will culminate July 4 with games and activities from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Newman Field.

A free concert featuring Fantasia and the Zac Brown Band will begin at 6 p.m. at Donovan Field East and fireworks will begin around 10 p.m.

HMAC, along with local businesses, civic organizations and some local governments, will serve an estimated 13,000 meals to Soldiers and military Family Members this year.

Schneider said food court volunteers once served as many as 23,000 meals during Operation Iraqi Freedom III, circa 2005-06.

However, volunteers still are needed to cook and serve food from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. July 4, he said. So far, HMAC has roughly 15-20 groups committed to helping with the food court, Schneider said.

## 100 Days of Summer **HEAT**

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H.E.A.T. PROGRAM**

This summer, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in Georgia will launch the largest and most comprehensive traffic education and enforcement campaign in this state's history.

The "100 Days of Summer HEAT" (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic) began May 23, with a National "Click It or Ticket" Campaign which continues

throughout the summer with sustained enforcement through Labor Day, ending on September 5.

Almost 1,600 persons die each year on Georgia's roadways. On average, 29 people are killed in motor vehicle crashes in Georgia every week.

With "100 Days of Summer HEAT," the motoring public will know that Georgia law enforcement officers have a zero tolerance for excessive speeding, impaired driving, and occupant protection violations.

The Directorate of Emergency Services is pleased to announce

our participation for the second consecutive year. Even though impaired driving and occupant protection violations will be targeted, a primary focus of this campaign is speeding. The initiative is aimed at reducing the high number of fatality crashes on Georgia's highway systems and will target aggressive drivers, ticketing speeders, and getting impaired drivers off the road.

For the "100 Days of Summer Heat," police will actively search for speeders in passenger vehicles, eighteen wheelers and motorcycles.

## Barracks Life

### Spc. Spoiled celebrates 4th of July

**Spc. Monica K. Smith**  
*CAB Public Affairs*

I look forward to it every weekend. I get dolled up, head downtown with my Kate Spade stilettos, and start my night with a little drinking and dancing (maybe a little karaoke).

This weekend is no different - except this weekend will be topped with fireworks by the river.

There is something I don't look forward to every weekend but happens inevitably. Some drunken person makes a fun night less enjoyable by either getting sick, getting angry or becoming increasingly belligerent (that is so unattractive). It can be assumed that this weekend will be no different.

With hundreds of people swarming River Street to enjoy the festivities, it's easy to get caught up in the celebration and forget your military bearing.

I'd like to apologize in advance for sounding like a broken record, repeating the same thing every commander and first sergeant is going to tell you before the weekend begins: Stay safe, have a plan, take a buddy... blah blah blah.

But really, how often do we as Soldiers actually make a plan or take a buddy that's going to stay sober all night? We all know not to drink and drive, but did you know the Army lost 56 Soldiers in pedestrian accidents in the past 10 years? Almost half of those involved probable use of alcohol and happened between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Once



you get to downtown Savannah, you walk everywhere, so look both ways before you cross the street.

And don't think just because you're sober that means your spouse can get lit and act like a fool. The abuse of alcohol is not tolerated in the Third Infantry Division and it applies to all Soldiers, Family Members and Civilians on Stewart, Hunter and Benning. I know it's disappointing, but you have to actually act like an adult sometimes (just sometimes though, like when you're out in public).

Alright. I'm done sounding like your mommy. Just make sure you drink plenty of water before you come to PT on Wednesday because you KNOW you're going to have to run four miles. Seriously. Be safe and stay classy. I warned you. You can't blame it on the alcohol.

Drink Responsibly.  
(Editor's Note: No, Sgt. Smith was not demoted. This was previously published in the July 2, 2009 edition of The Frontline, and is still pertinent today to our readers).





# Vanguard Brigade returns, uncases colors

**Sgt. Robert Schaffner**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

Excitement filled the late night air as the last remaining Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, in Iraq, minus some Soldiers on “Trail Party” in Kuwait, were welcomed home at Fort Stewart’s Cottrell Field, June 23. Their return followed their year-long advise-and-assist mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

Before a crowd of enthusiastic Family Members and friends who gathered to welcome the Soldiers home, Col. Lou Lartigue, 4th IBCT commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Altman, brigade senior enlisted advisor, marched their Soldiers across Cottrell Field to a hero’s welcome. With the crowd just a few short feet away, the Vanguard commander and command sergeant major, unfurled the brigade Colors, signifying the brigade’s return, and also marking the completion of the brigades third deployment to Iraq since its activation on May 26, 2004.

Third ID Commander, Maj. Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams and Chief of Staff, Colonel Roger Cloutier, congratulated the redeploying Vanguard Soldiers



**Abbi Ackles, 4, assisted by her mother Nichole Ackles, holding a sign as they watch Vanguard Soldiers and her father Capt. Eric Ackles, assigned to ADAM cell, 4th IBCT, begin their march across Cottrell Field, after a year-long deployment to Iraq, June 23.**



**Family Members and friends hold signs to welcome home their returning Soldier from Iraq during a welcome home ceremony at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, June 23.**

on their success and welcomed the Soldiers home during the ceremony.

“We are so very proud of everything you have accomplished. Thank you for your sacrifice, thank you for defending freedom and for defending America. Welcome home,” said Col. Cloutier.

After the intentionally brief accolades, Family and friends rushed the field to greet their loved ones, where a short moment later, the Vanguard commander reflected on the efforts of returning his Soldiers home before the holiday.

“We really made an effort to transition all of the missions over there in a timely fashion with our counterparts that took over for us. It is great to get the Soldiers back for Independence Day to enjoy their leave with their Families around this time of year,” Lartigue said.

Some Family Members said that although the wait has been grueling, they wouldn’t change a thing.

“It’s been crazy, time has gone slow. He has been gone 355 days,” said Heather Hansen, wife of Major Will Hansen, a civil affairs officer with HHC, 4th IBCT. “I feel extremely proud; I wouldn’t change our lives for anything.



Photos by Sgt. Robert Schaffner

**Heather Hansen kisses her husband, Maj. Will Hansen, as they reunite following a year-long deployment to Iraq during a welcome home ceremony at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, June 23. Hansen, a Civil Affairs Officer with the 4th IBCT, was one of more than 200 Vanguard Soldiers who returned to Fort Stewart marking the completion of the brigade’s mission in Iraq, June 23.**



**Rose Zinkon, wife of Maj. Yancey Zinkon HHC, 4th IBCT, 3rd ID accompanied by her daughter Ashley, 6 mos, son Andrew, 18 mos, and brother-in-law Grant Zinkon, wait for the return of Vanguard Soldiers on Cottrell Field, June 23.**



**Colonel Lou Lartigue, 4th IBCT commander, 3rd ID, and his wife Michelle, pose for a photo with their children Jake and Nicole, after the Vanguard Brigade home coming ceremony celebrating the end of a year-long deployment to Iraq at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, June 23.**



# Marne Faces Marne Places

## Making good Soldiers better through education

**Renee Reese**  
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Deciding to further ones education beyond the undergraduate level while working full-time can be an arduous task. Try having the responsibilities of being garrison command sergeant major and the educational journey can be tough yet very gratifying.

"Today is a very special day for me, for my Family and the Webster University Family... an accumulation of many years that I've tried to pursue my masters degree," Fort Stewart's Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin said.

Command Sergeant Major Ervin, who joined the Army in February 1984, earned his Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University during the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's 31st commencement exercise June 24 at the main post chapel.

The commencement exercise was sponsored by Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center.

According to Gail Burgohy, program manager for the colleges and counseling staff, the ceremony culminated years of dedication and perseverance for all of the graduates.

"Because of the hard work they have taken even during the deployment cycle... it's just the best thing that could happen to a person and to see the accomplishment based on their hard work, Burgohy said. "It's not a regular college graduation where the students are in college for four years, some of these folks have taken 10 to 15 years just to complete a bachelors degree."

Combining classroom instruction and real world experience proved essential for the South Carolina native throughout his educational and Army journey.

"I bring the perspective of the Army into the class-

room and we [classmates] looked for ways to be a level five manager, and how the organization can transform from good to great," Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin said. "I was taking one class at a time or one step at a time and I would become energized each time I went to class."

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin, Soldiers who utilize the education center get the opportunity to converse with someone outside of formation and expand their knowledge with like minded professionals. He firmly believes that that the education center supports the total Army Community.

"This education center is a great opportunity... it is unique and has great instructors, and schools," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin. "...No Soldier, service member, Army Civilian is set up for failure here, they are set up for success."

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin, when a good Soldier decides to further their education, they in turn become great Soldiers both on and off the battlefield.

"As leaders in the United States Army, we need to continually get better and look to self-improve," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin. "I've taken the concepts and techniques that I've learned and started applying them each and every day."

Some of Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin's military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course, the Battle Staff and First Sergeants Course to name a few. In addition, during his military career he has deployed to the Balkans in support of Operation Joint Guardian and to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Command Sergeant Major Ervin, like thousands of other Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians chose to further their education utilizing programs offered through Army Education Center.

When Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin is not working, he enjoys taking time to mentor Soldiers. He strongly believes that leading by example starts and ends with him.



Photo by Patrick MaGee

**Fort Stewart Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, proudly stands alongside Randy Wright, Webster University's associate vice president at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's 31st commencement exercise June 24 at the main post chapel. Command Sergeant Major Ervin earned his Master of Arts in Management and Leadership during the ceremony. A total of 250 graduates earned their degrees and certificates at the ceremony, marking a major accomplishment in their lives.**

## Old Guard fine tune Third Infantry Division Honor Guard



Photo by Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.

**Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Division honor guard learn how to prepare a flag for a tabletop position for an honors funeral, June 22, inside the DHHB motor pool building. The training was part of a two-day course conducted by three elite honor guard Soldiers from the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry [The Old Guard] at Fort Myer, Va. The Soldiers with the Old Guard traveled to Fort Stewart June 21-23 to train the 3rd ID honor guard on the proper techniques to perform as a firing party and at funeral details.**

**Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr.**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

Three elite honor guard Soldiers from the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry [The Old Guard] from Fort Myer, Va., traveled to Fort Stewart June 21-23 to train 3rd Infantry Division honor guard on the proper techniques to perform firing party and funeral details.

Forty-five Soldiers throughout the division attended an extensive three-day training class, designed to sharpen and fine tune their honor guard skills.

"Command Sergeant Major Edd Watson, 3rd ID command sergeant major wanted to standardize how military honors are rendered throughout 3rd ID," said Master Sgt. Anthony Calhoun, operations non-commissioned officer in-charge assigned to Operations Company, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Third Infantry Division. "So plans were made and the Old Guard accepted a request to come down to Fort Stewart and train all 3rd ID honor guard members. Regardless of which brigade's are conducting a ceremony, it is important that

all full-honors ceremonies are conducted precisely and in the same manner."

Old Guard members spent the three days rotating 3rd ID Soldiers through the various degrees of precise movements and techniques that are expected of an honor guard.

"We are teaching the Soldiers movements by the numbers and I am quite surprised how well the Soldiers are picking up on what we are teaching them," said Sgt. Michael Packer, a squad leader assigned to the Presidential Casket Platoon at Fort Myer, Va. "They have picked up faster than some of my Soldiers back at Fort Myer."

Honor is what is bestowed upon the many service members and their Families throughout the hundreds of ceremonies the 3rd ID honor guard performs every year but, it does not stop there.

"I am honored that I was selected to be on the honor guard," said Specialist Jeffery Cordero, a track vehicle repairer, assigned to the 1/3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "I have always wanted to be on the honor guard."

### Marne Voices Speak Out

### Independence Day is Monday, July 4. What are your plans for the holiday?

"I will be celebrating the day at a Family reunion."

**Spc. Angela Dubose**  
HHD, 3rd ID



"Since I have to work, my wife and 2-year-old will come out to be with me and the other Families of firefighters who are working."

**Nicholas Panzica**  
Hunter Firefighter



"I'm going to spend time with my daughter and do some grilling. I might even hit the beach."

**Spc. Pherleskia Rainey**  
110th Quartermaster Co.



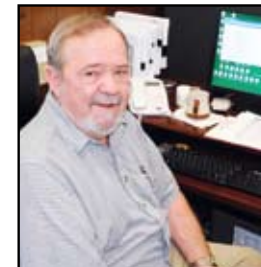
"My wife and I will enjoy the fireworks at Hunter."

**Staff Sgt. Holland Griffin**  
416th Transportation Co.



"I am taking my Family to the Family Day Field at Hunter to enjoy the festivities."

**Spc. Adam Mayhugh**  
110th Quartermaster Co.



"My wife and I will be on vacation, celebrating both our birthdays and my 50-year anniversary working with the Army."

**Harry Mitchell**  
Hunter Training and Scheduling Officer

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# ASK THE JUDGE: Georgia Lemon Law

**Richard Hagner**

*JAGC Summer Internship Program*

In these summer months, the prospect of purchasing a new car can be appealing as many Soldiers dream of driving in a new red convertible, with a cool breeze blowing through their buzz-cut. Sadly though, sometimes defects, mechanical flaws or other problems with new vehicles can transform this dream into a nightmare. In some situations, it is possible for the buyer to obtain some relief under the Georgia Lemon Law (Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Sections 10-1-797.)

**Q:** *What is the Lemon Law?*

**A:** Lemon laws are enacted in many states to protect consumers seeking to have significant mechanical problems fixed on a new vehicle that has been recently purchased or leased.

**Q:** *What does this law protect?*

**A:** Only new vehicles purchased or leased in Georgia qualify for protections under the Georgia Lemon Law. The law does not apply to used vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, mopeds, trucks weighing over 12,000 lbs., boats, campers and trailers.

Every state, however, has a different lemon law so it is important to be familiar with that state's law.

**Q:** *What rights does this law grant?*

**A:** The consumer of the purchased or leased new vehicle has the right to request that the manufacturer replace or buy back the vehicle if there are any defects or conditions included in the warranty that "substantially impairs" the vehicle's use, value, or safety to the consumer.

If the manufacturer refuses to repair

the defect, the purchaser may qualify for certified informal dispute resolution, state arbitration or both.

The right to request the manufacturer replace or buy back the vehicle lasts from two years from the date the purchaser took possession or to the first 24,000 miles, whichever occurs earlier.

**Q:** *How do I enforce these rights?*

**A:** • Make a reasonable number of repair attempts (usually 3+; but only one attempt is required if a serious safety defect is involved)

• Make a final attempt to repair (Although this seems redundant, this is a requirement under the Georgia Law.)

• If the repairs are unsuccessful, then send a request to the manufacturer to replace or buy back the vehicle

• Participate in an informal dispute settlement program and/or state operated arbitration (if necessary)

• Appeal any decision issued (if necessary)

**Q:** *What type of documentation is required?*

**A:** Any paperwork concerning maintenance/repair records, contracts, warranties and any other documents related to the vehicle will be helpful in this process. The form to request replacement or repurchasing the vehicle from the manufacturer is available online at: [consumer.georgia.gov/pdf/Vehicle\\_Repurchase\\_or\\_Replacement\\_Request.pdf](http://consumer.georgia.gov/pdf/Vehicle_Repurchase_or_Replacement_Request.pdf).

**Q:** *What if a used car has mechanical flaws?*

**A:** The Georgia Lemon Law only

applies to new cars. The extent to which the manufacturer is responsible for repairing significant issues with a used car depends on the extent of the warranty agreed upon at the time of sale. A warranty gives the consumer the legal right to demand action on any problems that arise, if they are within the scope of the warranty.

Ensure that any oral promises discussed before buying the car are incorporated into the written warranty, otherwise they likely do not have any legal effect. If the vehicle came with a warranty, it is important to know what parts of the vehicle and types of damage it covers and what it does not.

If a used car is purchased 'as is', or the defect or damage is not covered by warranty, then a consumer's options become very limited.

It might be possible to revoke the purchase under Georgia law if the defect or problem is not readily apparent at the time of purchase and it is done so in a reasonable time after the sale.

A revocation of a sale of a vehicle in this situation, however, is not easily done and could require extensive legal work and potential litigation in a small claims court.

**Q:** *What scams should I be aware of even after I have driven the car off of the dealer's lot?*

**A:** The most common scam that a car buyer should be aware of after he or she has driven the vehicle off of the dealership lot is a 'yo-yo scam'.

This occurs when the salesman allows the customer to take possession of the vehicle even though the customer has yet not been approved for a loan even though the terms of that loan may already be agreed upon between the dealer and the customer.

Days or weeks later, the dealer will inform the customer that the bank financing the loan has rejected the previously agreed upon terms and that these terms must be renegotiated.

Often these second terms offer a

much higher interest rate or a greater down payment. The dealer will also try to leverage the customer's attachment to the car as the customer is often reluctant to part with it because they felt as if they already owned it.

Additionally, in cases where the consumer is trading in an old car, the dealership could inform the consumer that they are valuing the trade-in vehicle at less than what was originally offered, and force a renegotiation of the terms.

Additionally, there has been a sharp growth in the use of binding mandatory arbitration clauses in car contracts.

Contracts with this type of clause prevent consumers from seeking damages in court and instead force them to use an appointed third party whose decision is final.

There is recent legislation to try to outlaw this practice in car contracts.

If you believe you are a victim of either of these fraudulent practices, or for more information or assistance with the legal aspects of an automobile purchase, make an appointment to speak with a legal assistance attorney:

## **Legal Assistance Office**

Building 709  
1791 Gulick Ave, Suite 117  
Fort Stewart, GA 31314  
(912) 767-8809/8819

**Q:** *Are there any other resources that I can consult with?*

**A:** The mission of the Georgia Governor's Office of Consumer Protection is to protect consumers and businesses from unlawful, deceptive and unfair practices in the marketplace by enforcement of the laws we administer and through education ( <http://consumer.georgia.gov/>)

This agency can also be reached at:

## **Georgia's Governor's Office of Consumer Protection**

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE  
Suite 356  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
(404) 651-8600

# Don't become a victim of parking lot theft

## Directorate of Emergency Services

The most common crime in parking lots is theft and thieves are in your area. Ask yourself this question - What better place to find automobiles left unattended and in some cases unsecure with thousands of dollars in easy to dispose of property than an installation parking area? It's a thief's dream! They think nothing about smashing out your car window to steal a stereo, a cellular telephone, or some item left on your seat. TA 50 is always a big ticket item. All a thief needs is a short amount of time and no witnesses to be successful.

They are successful because they choose vehicles that are located adja-

cent to excellent escape routes. Flat parking lots like ours on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are preferable to thieves because the of ease of visibility and ease of escape.

### Rules to Follow:

- If possible, park in a well-lighted and a highly-visible location.
- Park in higher traffic areas of the lot, if possible.
- Remove all valuables such as cameras, cell phones and TA-50 from your vehicle. NEVER leave valuables in plain sight. This makes you an easy target.
- Lock your doors and roll up all windows.
- If you see anyone or anything suspicious, notify the police immediately.



Courtesy Photo

## Show Your patriotism with phone, gift cards for the troops

### AAFES Press Release

**DALLAS** - Any American can help Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines stay connected this Fourth of July by sending All-Services Exchange long-distance calling and gift cards to those who will mark the holiday far from home.

With deployed service members in Iraq for Operation New Dawn, Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, and numerous other contingency locations, the distance from home to duty has grown. But as military service locations change, Exchange calling cards help troops stay in touch, while Exchange gift cards let troops get what they want and need, such as snacks and electronics.

"There's nothing like talking to loved ones to help bridge the deployment distance," said the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm. "Calling cards not only connect deployed folks in Iraq and Afghanistan, but we also have ship-to-shore cards for Navy and Coast Guard members out at sea."

Both calling and gift cards are available through the Exchange 24-hours a day. Individual cards range from \$10 to \$500. Individuals and organizations can buy up to 100 cards per purchase.

Gift cards can be used by any military member, stateside or overseas, at any of the Exchange facilities worldwide or online. Receiving cards boosts morale especially for those deployed.

"Exchange gift cards are a great way to ensure troops are able to get what they want," said Helm, noting that there are 80 store facilities and more than 160 food vendors from Afghanistan to the United Arab Emirates in contingency locations.

For nearly 116 years the Exchange has gone where the troops go, and these cards go as well. Americans who don't personally know a deployed soldier but want to help, can purchase cards at the Exchange online site, [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com). Midway down the page is the heading "Shop Online" and tabs to the right; click on "Support Your Troops," and under "Don't Know a Person to Send a Gift To?," the site shows six military charities, ranging from the American Red Cross to the USO.

No matter where shoppers celebrate the 4th of July and summer fun, it's easy to help our defenders of Freedom: the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines, with global calling cards and gift cards.

Any American can send gift or calling cards by logging on to <https://shop.aafes.com/gcs/default.aspx>, or by phoning the Exchange at 800-527-2345.

## RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE EVENTS!

**WHEN:** JULY 6, NOON - 3P.M.

**WHERE:** FORT STEWART LIBERTY WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER

**WHEN:** JULY 7, 11A.M. - 2P.M.

**WHERE:** HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD  
NEW GANNAM COMMUNITY CENTER

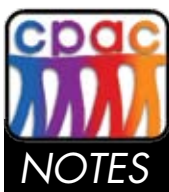
Balfour Beatty is collecting Huggies diaper packaging to be recycled. Proceeds go to charity. No diapers please!



Fish for Recyclables and win a prize!







# Overseas, local job offerings

Individuals brought on board can expect a total compensation package of anywhere from 80-200k, live on base and have access to military dining.

There are two parts to the engagement. Iraq, active through Dec. 31, with the likelihood of a one year renewal, and Afghanistan for one year with the possibility of extension.

**The following positions are available for deployment within the next 4-6 weeks.**

## Active Directory Engineer

### Position Requirements

- MCSE, or MCITP certification required
- Security + required per DOD 8570
- Skilled in Active Directory, Exchange and Microsoft core infrastructure technologies
- Experience in software patch management, and scripting
- Knowledge of computer programs to use in coding, testing, and debugging. Assists other analysts and develops plans for ADP systems from project inception to conclusion
- Active SECRET security clearance

## Virtualization Engineer

### Position Requirements

- Skilled in Engineering and implementing VMware in a large network environment.
- Provide VMware technology support across multiple operating systems.
- VMware Certified Professional 4.0 (VCP) or 3.0 (VCP)
- Required two (2) years of experience with VMware ESX version 3.5 or higher.
- Two years experience with Linux or other Linux derivatives is preferred.
- Two years experience with enterprise storage solutions; EMC or EqualLogic preferred
- Must be Security + certified per DOD 8570.
- Must be capable of demonstrating experience in conducting analysis and developing solutions and in the application of information technology.
- Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree as appropriate and five years of related experience or 10 years of related experience in required field.
- Active SECRET security clearance

## System Administrator

### Position Requirements

- MCSA 2003 and/or MCITP: Server Administrator Certified
- COMPTIA Security+ Certified per 8570 requirements
- Expert knowledge of Windows 2003 Server, Server 2008, Exchange 2007 and Windows XP
- Advanced knowledge of group policies
- Advanced knowledge of systems security

- Working knowledge of TCP/IP networking
- Knowledge of VBScript and Windows Shell scripting
- Advanced troubleshooting experience
- Willingness to travel to hazardous duty areas in South West Asia and the Middle East
- Must have experience including developing functional requirements for complex integrated ADP systems
- Must demonstrate the ability to work independently or under only general direction.
- Analyzes user needs to determine functional and cross-functional requirements.
- Performs functional allocation to identify required tasks and their inter-relationships
- Bachelor's degree or eight years of relevant experience
- Active SECRET security clearance

## IA Network Engineer

### Position Requirements

- Must have experience in design, development, testing and evaluation of computer based systems
- Must possess specific experience in the analysis and design of business applications on complex, large-scale systems, including experience in data base management concepts
- Demonstrate a five-year track record supporting enterprise security environments utilizing firewalls such as the Cisco PIX or ASA and web proxy devices such as the Blue Coat SG
- Three years subject matter expertise in switching and routing configuration and troubleshooting along with utilizing network management tools to include system logging and event management. Experience with Cisco switching and routing equipment
- Professional experience using network troubleshooting tools such as nmap, Cisco Works, and packet sniffers
- Cisco CCNP or CCSP certified
- Security + certified
- Associates degree or four years of relevant experience
- Experience in computer programming and data analysis, or machine and assembly language programming for mini- and mainframe computers
- Must be knowledgeable in operation of peripheral computer equipment
- Active SECRET security clearance

## HBSS Support Technician

### Position Requirements

- MCSE, or MCITP certification is required
- Sec + required per DOD 8570
- Experienced in Active Directory, HBSS and Microsoft core infrastructure technologies
- Knowledge of computer programs to use in coding, testing, and debugging.

Assists other analysts and develops plans for ADP systems from project inception to conclusion

- Experience in Incident Handling and detecting malicious anomalies
- Bachelor's degree or eight years of relevant experience
- Active TOP SECRET clearance with ability to be read on to SCI required.

## Data Center Manager

### Position Requirements

- Security + per DOD 8570
- Extensive Data Center management experience and knowledge including: Data Center heat dissipation methods, electrical requirements and distribution, HVAC, UPS and backup power generation.
- Two years of experience of enterprise level disaster recovery
- Proven track record in the field of Enterprise Data Center Operations
- Understanding of the interdependencies of Data Center functions and Technologies
- Associates degree or four years of relevant experience
- Experience with system operations, engineering, design, installation, repair analysis, quality assurance, troubleshooting or installation and repair of telecommunications systems and infrastructure to applicable military and I3MP standards.
- Active SECRET Clearance

## Audio Visual Technician

### Position Requirements

- Meets specific position requirements as detailed in the Personnel Requisition
- At least eight years experience working as an A/V technician
- Excellent customer service skills and demeanor
- Demonstrated self-starter and demonstrated ability to independently resolve problems
- Ability to maintain a professional and courteous manner in difficult situations
- Ability to perform and participate in a team oriented environment
- Ability to communicate effectively with a diverse group of customers
- Must be willing to travel/deploy extensively, sometimes to hazardous duty areas to include South West Asia (SWA)
- May be required to meet requirements of 8570.01M as appropriate
- Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree as appropriate or eight years of related experience in field of expertise
- Active SECRET clearance

**For more information contact the individuals below:**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

**Vacancy Announcement** Number: CF11-246

Opening Date: June 17, 2011

Closing Date: July 01, 2011

**Position:** Nurse (CYS), NF-0610-04

**Salary:**\$57,000.00 - \$65,000.00

**Annual Place of Work:** Child and Youth Services, Fort Stewart, GA

**Position Status:** This is a Permanent position. Full Time  
**Number of Vacancy:** 1

Duties: Serves as the CYS Health Specialist with responsibility for the implementation of health support services and special needs issues in all CYS (Child Development Center, Family Child Care Homes, School Age Services, Middle School and Teen, Sports and Fitness and Liaison, Education and Outreach Services) programs. Monitors the performance of staff and providers in the health and well being of children and youth IAW DoD, Army and local policies and standards as they relate to assigned functions. Develops procedures and SOPs to support program goals. Ensures staff/providers follow risk management procedures (e.g., abuse prevention, identification, and reporting procedures, accident prevention, etc.). Helps prevent and control outbreaks of communicable diseases and follows established procedures in reporting same.

**Who May Apply:** Area of Consideration: 1. World-Wide. 2. All Sources. Apply via MWR Career Referral Program Resume Builder. Enter CF11-246 in the Vacancy Announcements section. Complete the resume builder at <https://employment2.wftch.com/cfsc/ResumeBuilder>

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Successful completion of Foundation and Annual CYS Management Training is required. Maintenance of licensure required.

Priority consideration will be given to current and former NAF employees serving in a continuous position without time limits for at least one year.

MWR Jobs web site: [www.mwr-portal.army.mil/sandbox/mwrjobs/mwrcrp.html](http://www.mwr-portal.army.mil/sandbox/mwrjobs/mwrcrp.html)

# 2/82 assumes authority of advise, train and assist mission

**Spc. Kistna Feldner**  
82nd Airborne Division Public Affairs

**RAMADI, Iraq** – As one of the first units to deploy to Iraq during the initial invasion, and to participate in every major campaign of the U.S. military's operations in Iraq over the last eight years, the 2nd "Falcon" Advise and Assist Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, has now taken responsibility of advising, training and assisting the Iraqi army and police as U.S. forces transition out of Iraq.

The acceptance of this mission became official during the transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Ramadi June 21, in which the soldiers of the 4th AAB, Third Infantry Division, passed the torch to the 2nd AAB.

"The Falcons have a storied and distinguished history serving the people of Iraq during some of its most difficult days," said Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division and United States Division-Center. "[They] are absolutely the right team to finish our mission the right way."

During the ceremony, the 4th AAB colors were cased by the unit's command team, Col. Lou Lartigue and

Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Altman. The 2nd AAB colors were then uncased by the commander and command sergeant major of the Falcon Brigade, Col. Tim McAteer and Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Guden. This act symbolized the 2nd AAB taking the place of the 4th AAB as the Vanguard Brigade redeploys to the U.S. after their deployment to the Anbar Province, in which they spear-headed the transformation of Operation Iraqi Freedom into Operation New Dawn.

"The Paratroopers of the Falcon Brigade are honored to serve in Iraq," Col. McAteer said. "There is no other mission more important to our nation and to the future of the Iraqi people, and there is no place we would rather be at this moment in history."

The Falcons will resume the 4th AAB's mission of advising, training and assisting the Iraqi security forces, including basic soldiering skills, leadership development and training on new equipment. They will strengthen the ISF as they work to maintain a safe and secure environment for the Iraqi people.

"We pledge our full support to seeing this mission through to successful completion," Col. McAteer said.



Photo by Spc. Kistna Feldner

**Colonel Lou Lartigue, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Altman, 4th Bde., 3rd ID command team, case the 4th Advise and Assist Brigade's colors during a ceremony at Camp Ramadi, Iraq, June 21.**

## Commentary: Training through technology with the CCCT

**2nd Lt. Anders W. Schuyler**  
Company C, 2-69 AR, 3rd HBC

**FORT BENNING, GA** – Nothing can replace training time in the field, but the Close Combat Tactical Trainer at Fort Benning, comes very close by allowing execution of complex field maneuvers when training time and space is very limited.

During a recent training session at the Harmony Church Simulations Center, I spoke with Ron Marshall, the site manager about the capabilities of our CCTT.

The facility currently contains sixteen operational M1A1 modules with sixteen more M1A2 modules in route with the first ten becoming operational at the beginning of August 2011. The facility also has nine platoon-sized AAR rooms for a total of three companies.

In addition to the tank simulators, the facility has Bradley fighting vehicle and HMMWV simulators that can be operated in conjunction with the tank simulators

for combined arms operations.

The facility provides leaders with a near limitless number of scenarios with the system stocked with 454 established and tested scenarios. Training can be adjusted on the fly with the CCTT employees able to add variables for the training to overcome at the command of the exercise's observer controller.

While the most common training area used in the CCTT is the national training center at Fort Irwin, Calif., it is not the only place a training unit can choose from. Scenarios can take place in Germany, Iraq, Fort Knox, and any other place that the designers want to create.

The facility provides all equipment that the unit will need, from combat vehicle crewman headsets to maps and after action review rooms.

The center currently has twenty-one employees that are all retired master gunners or first sergeants, giving the training unit an additional wealth of knowledge.

The center will soon be upgrading to big screen digital displays to allow all the soldiers in the AAR to clearly see everything that is happening, with additional upgrades to the CCTT's capabilities (graphics, effects) arriving in the middle of next year.

Marshall encourages units to walk down the simulation center to talk with the instructors in person to check for availability and immediately fill it.

After observing my tank platoon's bravo section execute the operation I can speak first-hand as to the CCTT's usefulness as a training aid. Of course there will be problems that arise with the simulators, but the same is true with the actual tanks and so it instills the necessities of pre-combat checks and pre-combat inspections to ensure you are fully mission capable.

I can't say enough about the great teaching tool that the CCTT is, being that everything that you do in the simulator is automatically recording with the ability to record all dialog both

internal and transmissions. Target feed-back, unit formations, and enemy positions can all be viewed as part of the after action review. The observer controller can record exactly where a teaching point is and when the Soldiers are complete with the exercise, bring them into the AAR room and show them exactly what happened, what went wrong, and how to fix it. Additionally, if the Soldiers need to retrain the exercise, it is only a few computer buttons away from restarting the entire exercise and going through it again.

The CCTT, is a combat multiplier for any mounted unit. The CCTT has many benefits with the most significant being cost and time effective training, and provides the commander with a real-time look at the entire unit including every sight system on the tank.

Allowing Soldiers and leaders to safely make mistakes, learn from them, create solutions, and test them out in a simulated battlefield makes the CCTT an invaluable training tool.



# 3/7 hosts 'Garry Owen Day' for Soldiers, Families

**Sgt. Dustin Gautney**  
2HBCT Public Affairs

Laughs, cheers, and good times were had by Soldiers and Families of 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Third Infantry Division, during the squadron's "Garry Owen Day."

The organizational day featured sports competitions, a cook out, and a children's Spur Ride, said Lt. Col. Lance Varney, 3/7 Cav. commander.

"For the Soldiers, we are having troop competitions, including flag football and kickball, but for the kids we have something really unique, the children's Spur Ride. Basically the kids are broken down into age groups and compete in various events. The kids will sprint, throw frisbees, and pull sleds. After all that, participants will receive their own Order of the Spur certificate," Lt. Col. Varney said.

With regard to Family days, Lt. Col. Varney stated it was crucial for units to understand the impact it has on Soldiers and their Families.

"It's huge to have days like this," Lt. Col. Varney said. "It allows our Soldiers a chance to reenergize, as well as a reminder of the importance of Family. Sometimes people forget every decision you make not only impacts the Soldier, but the Families as well. So the chance to have everyone here, Soldiers and Family, is a great reminder of what it is we are fighting for."

First Sergeant Stephon Garrett, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3/7 Cav., agreed that the importance of organizational days is crucial for the morale of Soldiers and Families.

"This is the biggest thing we as leaders can do for our Soldiers and Families," 1st Sgt. Garrett said. "From the chance for Soldiers and their Families to interact with other Families, from having games for the kids, to even having the fun and exercise from the competition events--this really is the best way to build up everyone's morale. Not to mention it is just great fun."

Originally created in 1971, by former Secretary of the Army, Robert F. Froehlke, "Garry Owen Day," marks the anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn and is a day for 7th Cavalry Soldiers to reflect on the Soldiers who came before them and the Families that continue to support them.



Photos by Sgt. Dustin Gautney

**ABOVE: Children of 3/7 Cavalry Soldiers earn their spurs by pulling sleds during 3/7 Cav. Children's Spur Ride as part of the squadron's "Gary Owen Day," held June 24.**

**Sergeant Ulysses Morgan, HHT, 3/7 Cav., eludes past tacklers to score for his troop during the 3/7 Cav. "Gary Owen Day," June 24.**



# Battle Ready Brigade receives new commander

**Capt. Kurt Van Slooten**  
*188th Infantry Brigade Public Affairs*

The 188th Infantry ‘Battle Ready’ Brigade conducted a change of command ceremony June 22 at the Third Infantry Division’s Marne Garden, welcoming Col. Kevin C. Colyer as the new brigade commander.

Colonel Colyer assumed command from Col. Robert A. Warburg, who received command of the 188th Inf. Bde. on June 23, 2009.

The command teams and color bearers of the brigade’s four battalions and the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment stood on the field proudly bearing their colors and representing their units whose Soldiers are currently engaged in ongoing missions.

With Lt. Gen. Mick Bednarek, commanding general of First Army in attendance, the ceremony's reviewing officer, Maj. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, commanding general of First Army Division East, addressed the assembly.

“When we talk about what these great Soldiers and leaders do here every day, it’s not lost on anybody that we are dealing with tremendous challenges and change every single day,” said Maj. Gen. Wendel. “A hallmark of what this great officer Bob Warburg brought to the fight is uniquely remarkable.”

“His drive and excellence has set the tone for an amazing ability for our Army to train itself and prepare for the work at hand.”

Major General Wendel described Colonel Colyer as coming to the brigade with an extraordinary back-



Capt. Kurt Van Slooten  
**Colonel Kevin C. Colyer receives the brigade colors from Maj. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, as he takes command of the 188th Inf. Bde. at the 3rd Inf. Div. Marne Garden on Fort Stewart, Ga., June 22.**

ground, not just a U.S. Army Special Forces officer, but more importantly a full-spectrum officer.

“He brings that kind of warrior-spirit ethos, passion and focus that we need to make our Army better and better every day,” he said.

“As we transition this great team in stride, while it is performing a mission, take no knee, take no

rest. We have a great leader just stepping into the saddle and being able to lead this great brigade forward.”

Colonel Colyer comes to the 188th Inf. Bde. from participating in the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.

## New IDs at the Exchange on a 'Need to Know' Basis

### Army and Air Force Exchange Press Release

**DALLAS** - Social Security numbers are enjoying the top-secret clearance they have always deserved as the Department of Defense has removed the nine digit-number from Identification Cards issued after June 1.

Authorized Exchange shoppers who receive the new ID will notice some changes when writing a check, putting something on layaway or making a return at an Army & Air Force Exchange Service facility.

The absence of the Social Security number, the only number used by DoD for financial transactions to recover lost funds, means that cashiers will scan the new IDs to facilitate certain financial transactions.

"We've spent a great deal of time upgrading our systems to recognize the new IDs and provide these services without interruption," said the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor, Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm. "The scanning process not only is more convenient, but also helps protect service members' personal data. So whether the ID is old or new, authorized shoppers have the proper 'security clearance' to exercise their Exchange benefit and shop with peace of mind."

While not a new process, scanning for the DoD ID number to complete select transactions assists in guarding the investment authorized shoppers make in their communities. A military command with a retail mission, two-thirds of Exchange earnings are paid to morale, welfare and recreation programs.

Procedures that protect assets helped the Exchange to contribute more than \$2.4 billion to quality-of-life improvements over the past decade in support of youth services, Armed Forces Recreation Centers, arts and crafts, aquatic centers, golf courses and more.

Information concerning the DoD's new Smart Card is available online at ***dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard***.





# Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

## Partial lifting of burn ban in effect

Due to recent rainfall, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is lifting a portion of the burn ban recently implemented. This action includes permitting the use of charcoal grills, cooking fires and campfires in designated camping areas and cantonment areas. Persons using open fire should remain aware of conditions and use fire with extreme caution. All grills should be allowed to completely burn out before dumping, preferably 24 hours, and cooking fires and campfires should not be left unattended for any period of time. Report all fire escapes immediately to 911 emergency services.

## Free admission to summer productions

Through Aug. 21, active-duty service members can get a free ticket from Leisure Travel offices at Fort Stewart and Hunter, per each military ID, to see one of four productions at The Savannah Theatre in downtown Savannah. Tickets are valued at \$35 each. Productions include: The Savannah Tenors; Southern Nights; Country Star Revue and The Beat Goes On. Young children without military ID can attend with an ID holder. For ticket distribution hours, contact the Leisure Travel Office at Fort Stewart at 912-767-1791 and at Hunter, 912-315-3674. The theatre is located in downtown Savannah at 222 Bull St., on Chippewa Square. For production information, go to [www.savannahtheatre.com](http://www.savannahtheatre.com).

## Contribute to Japan relief funds

The Personnel Management Office of Combined Federal Campaign is authorizing a special opportunity to help those in need in Japan. Federal employees at the workplace can help to facilitate relief and reconstruction assistance in Japan through this special solicitation. A one-time cash or check donation outside the normal Combined Federal Campaign procedures will be allowed. If anyone would like to contribute, The United States Agency for International Development has provided a list of relief organizations and related information on its Web site at [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov). All special solicitation activities must conclude by July 31.

## Field Artillery reunion planned

The 1st Battalion, 36th Field Artillery Regimental Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19-21. Location for the reunion is at Fort Sill, OK. For more information, contact Shawn Simmons by email at [simmonss@uww.edu](mailto:simmonss@uww.edu) or phone 608-209-5750.

## 3rd ID Reunion scheduled

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 92nd annual reunion Sept. 8-11. The reunion will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, French Quarter, 739 Canal Street at Bourbon, New Orleans, La. 70130. The toll-free number is 888-696-4806. Room rates are \$99 per night plus tax.

The Society of the Third Infantry Division is seeking those who served in the 3rd ID and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society.

Contact Henry Burke at 803-782-7517 or e-mail [pen-nieburke@sc.rr.com](mailto:pen-nieburke@sc.rr.com).

For additional reunion information e-mail [Info@TheReunionBrat.com](mailto:Info@TheReunionBrat.com).

## Tag office announce hours

The Liberty County Tag Office that is located in building 226, on Fort Stewart will be operational from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed on federal holidays. For more information, call Arthur L. Weston, 912-767-1883.

## Lost an item? Found an item?

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield have a lost and found program. If you want to report or check on a lost item, visit building 280, 354 East Bultman Avenue on Fort Stewart and check with Detective Hooks, 912-767-9596/9026.

The Hunter Army Airfield point of contact is Detective Battista, at building 1240, 197 South Lightning Road at 912-315-5374/2940.

## Get your message out quickly

Use the Marne Message system to get information out to the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community of employees. From your computer, send your message to [stewmsgrequest@conus.army.mil](mailto:stewmsgrequest@conus.army.mil). Your information should populate the system within hours, if not sooner. Attachments cannot be included in MARNE Messages. Only command-directed messages are included in MARNE messages.

## Access Garrison Brown Bags

The Garrison Brown Bag program is designed to allow garrison senior leadership to receive direct feedback from the workforce in an informal luncheon environment. The garrison commander and deputy garrison commander conduct bi-monthly Brown Bag sessions designed to answer questions and concerns on the spot, and take notes on concerns that require additional follow up information.

These concerns are researched and answered by the appropriate directorate and posted on a blog. Access to this blog is on the Fort Stewart Homepage, [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil). Once on the site, click the button labeled "Fort Stewart Brown Bag Answers" to access the blog. In addition to current Brown Bag topics, the archived Brown Bag answers can also be accessed from a link on the blog site.

## iWatch – Report suspicious activity

The iWatch Program encourages community members to keep security in mind throughout your day. Our continued safety is enhanced by the number of Soldiers, Family Members and Civilian personnel who are aware of what type of suspicious behavior should be reported and then doing so.

If you want a presentation on the iWATCH Program, your group or organization should contact Mr. Gordon Bartholf at 912-767-0999 or by e-mail at [Gordon.H.Bartholf@conus.army.mil](mailto:Gordon.H.Bartholf@conus.army.mil) or Mr. Tony Mabrey at 912-315-5350 or by e-mail at [Anthony.Mabrey@conus.army.mil](mailto:Anthony.Mabrey@conus.army.mil).

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If you see suspicious behavior which you believe is threatening, call the iWATCH reporting number at 912-767-2822/4895 at Fort Stewart and 912-315-6133 at Hunter Army Airfield. Community members asked to remain patient during random ID card checks, and vehicle inspections.

## STEWART

### Legal Assistance, Claims closes for holiday

The Legal Assistance Office, located in building 709 and the Claims Office located in building 621 will be closed for all services July 4-5. Please plan accordingly and obtain items such as the vehicle registration tax waiver forms or submit claims forms in advance. For more information, call 912-767-8809/8819/8185.

### Dental limited service on Organizational Day

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Dental Clinics will close partially July 14 for their organizational day. Dental Clinic #3, at Hunter Army Airfield will be open from 7:30-10 a.m. Fort Stewart Dental Clinics #2, #4, and #5 will be open from 7:30-11 a.m. Dental Clinic #1 at Fort Stewart will be open 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., with limited services after 11 a.m. For more information, call Ms. Tammy Burke at 912-767-8137.

## HUNTER

### Temporary road closure for celebrations

Due to the 4th of July celebration and fireworks show Saturday at Hunter Army Airfield, Lightning Rd. will be closed to traffic between Stephen Douglas St. and the U.S. Coast Guard, Air Station Savannah. Units located in the affected area should detour through the Base Operations Gate and use the airfield wheel vehicle route to Truscott Air Terminal. Please plan accordingly. For additional information, contact Garrison Operations, 912-315-5038/5686/6904/6122.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Katzenberger**, B Co, 1/75th Ranger Regt., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., 31409, please contact Capt. Paradee Pope, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, 912-506-9630.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Marion Fields**, Bravo Company, 26th BSB, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact 2nd LT. Michelle Hardin, 714-599-3461.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Axel Marreromedina**, HHC 2/7th Inf., Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact 2nd LT. Jenkins Dove, 703-740-6720.



# Education Matters

## Learning Center hours expanded

New hours for the multimedia learning facility, room 230, at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays, the hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Take advantage of the 55 computers with Internet access. Assistance with GoArmyEd student accounts is also provided.

## Check-out the new GoArmyEd

GoArmyEd users are seeing a major difference when they access their student accounts. With the GoArmyEd Release 7.0, there have been some major changes that will assist Soldiers through the process of creating accounts and getting tuition assistance.

When one logs onto *[www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)*, the GoArmyEd Public Web Site now has a section called “New User” for Soldiers who wish to open a new account. It will guide them through a TA Account Request Wizard which includes six steps whereby eventually their account can be activated, without seeing an education counselor. If their account has already been created, but not activated, then Soldiers must log in and click the “Request TA Access” smart link tab and complete any missing step, before the account can be activated.

Current Soldiers having TA access will see that their “Welcome Back” page now has a series of “Smart Links” tabs which provide quick access to most commonly used Soldier functions. They are able to select three additional Smart Links to appear on their homepage. Students should select the “Request TA” Smart Link and will be guided through the steps to request TA for their desired school and courses. They can access their “e-file” by clicking on the “My Education Record” Smart Link tab.

Soldiers are encouraged to go ahead and explore the changes. If they have trouble accessing an area, they can call the GoArmyEd Help Desk, 800-817-9990, Mon – Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Eastern Time; Sun, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (closed on Sat).

## Double check Education Codes

Soldiers with missing or incorrect Civilian Education Level Codes may have recently had their GoArmyEd account placed on hold based on Army policy that requires a Soldier's Civilian education level being lower than their current GoArmyEd degree program.

Most active-duty Soldiers can easily see why there is a discrepancy by checking their Enlisted Record Brief (or ORB for Officers). Section VII, “Civilian Education,” should not be empty or have blanks, and must be accurate. S-1 clerks must be reminded to enter information on both electronic military personnel (eMILPO) screens dedicated to the education level data tables. Screen 1; “Civilian Degrees” allows entry of degree achievements, (status, major, type of degree and year). Screen 2; “Civilian Education Level” shows the most recent level completed, or pursuing status, major, number of semester hours and years of schooling). If both screens do not match (e.g., both do not reflect an Associate Degree), then the Total Army Personnel Database cannot correctly reflect an accurate Civilian-Ed Level.

Having a hold in GoArmyEd does prevent students from enrolling in future classes, but they should continue with any classes they are presently taking. Soldiers may contact their education center if they need this or any hold temporarily deferred while the problems are being resolved through personnel channels.

## Green-to-Gold Briefings held monthly

The Green-to-Gold scholarship sessions are held at the installation education centers every month at 2 p.m. Upcoming briefings are Tuesday at Fort Stewart

## “TA Class Enrollment” directions

The tuition assistance (TA) request process has been streamlined to simplify enrollment. There are two ways a TA eligible Soldier can request TA in GoArmyEd. Depending on your school, you will automatically be routed to one of the following processes:

### 1. Register for a class directly in GoArmyEd (Letter of Instruction School-LOI)

Some schools upload classes and tuition costs to an online class schedule in GoArmyEd, enabling you to search and register for the class through GoArmyEd without requiring an Army Education Specialist (ESS) to approve.

### 2. Process a TA Request Form in GoArmyEd (Non-LOI School)

Most schools do not upload classes and tuition prices to GoArmyEd. Soldiers must enter the class and tuition cost information on a TA Request Form in GoArmyEd and receive ESS approval for the request. Documentation of the cost of tuition and fees of the class must be uploaded to eFile in GoArmyEd. After providing the school the approved Army Tuition Assistance Authorization Form (voucher), Soldiers then register for the class directly with the school.

### Register for a class directly in GoArmyEd: LOI School

First, log into *[www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)*. Select the “Request TA” smart link. If only the “School” field is marked with an asterisk (\*) when the “Select Classes to Add” screen appears, the you may register for a class directly in GoArmyEd, since their school uploads classes and tuition costs in the GoArmyEd Class Schedule.

Your home school is pre-populated. If you want

to select another school, select the magnifying glass icon.

If you have the unique GoArmyEd class number for the course, you can just type that number. Otherwise, enter the class subject (ENGL) and catalog number (1301). To view all available classes, leave the fields blank.

The “Start Date Between” fields are pre-populated with today's date and 30 days in the future. You can expand or narrow your search by using the calendar icon. Select the yellow “next” button to proceed.

A statement appears confirming your search criteria. All class sections will appear; review the class details. Carefully view the details specific to each class section. Note that “Available” refers to the number of spots (enrollments) left for that course. Click on the class you want.

You should review the class cost information to view the cost covered by TA (in the “GoArmyEd Amount” field) and any class cost you must self-pay (in the “Student Amount” field). If you agree, select the green “Process Request” button.

It is suggested that you print the class details and your course schedule.

The system will then direct you to review your mailing and contact information to ensure that all fields are updated to reflect your current location.

If you have difficulty with the process, please call the GoArmyEd Help Desk at 800-817-9990. You will receive an e-mail from the school the next day, accepting or rejecting your class choice. The course request obligates your enrollment and the financial commitment is in effect. If you later cannot attend the course, you must withdraw within the GoArmyEd portal.

and at Hunter on July 20th. ROTC representatives from Georgia Southern give the presentation at Ft. Stewart and the Armstrong Atlantic State University ROTC Department conducts the briefings at Hunter each month. If interested, research this site before attending: *[www.goarmy.com/rotc](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc)*

## Register for GED

Adult Literacy and GED preparation courses are offered by the Liberty County Adult Education Program at Fort Stewart in the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. The free classes are held in either morning, afternoon or evening sessions and will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. The next registration opportunity is July 11-12 in room 228. You must be present on both consecutive days from 1-5 p.m. to complete the enrollment process. Certain items are necessary to register. Call 912-368-7322 for complete details.

## Free online tutoring available

The Department of Defense now provides eligible U.S. military Families the ability to get help from a professional tutor anytime you need it — FREE. You and your children can work with a professional tutor online 24/7 to get help with homework, studying, test prep, resume writing and more. School subjects supported are all grade levels of math, science, English, and social studies. Also available are study sources for Standardized Tests to include the ASVAB, GED, college entrance exams and state standardized exams. In addition, there are helpful links for career transitions, writing resumes, studying for exams and helping children with homework. Best of all, it is very easy to

access and get started. Just go to *[www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com)* and click on the purple “Military” symbol. For more information, call 800-411-1970 or 212-528-3101.

## MyCAA available

The Department of Defense has resumed the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts, MyCAA, program for qualifying spouses only. The program now assists spouses of active-duty service members in the pay grades of private to sergeant, warrant officers 1 to 2, first lieutenant, and second lieutenant to achieve portable careers. The approved education programs are only associate's degrees, licensure, and certifications. Funding assistance will be up to \$4,000 with an annual cap of \$2,000 per fiscal year. To open an account and to see the full details of the new program, go to the secure website, *<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>*. Please allow for 14 days for approval of all financial assistance documents. If information is needed on other sources of financial assistance please contact a Military OneSource consultant at 800-342-9647.

## Education appointments available

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center is a Pearson VUE Authorized Testing Center. Community members can take advantage of on-site IT certification testing and hundreds of other professional certification and licensure exams right on Fort Stewart. Just go to *[www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)* to register. Upon approval to take the exam, you will receive a candidate identification number. Then schedule the exam date by contacting Blondell Francis, room 165 or call 912-767-9569.



# Graduation exercise culminates educational journey milestone

**Renee Reese**

*Fort Stewart Public Affairs*

College graduates reached another milestone in their lives during the 31st annual commencement exercise, June 24 at Fort Stewart's main post chapel. The commencement exercise, sponsored by Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's Army Education Centers, proved to be a major accomplishment for hundreds of former students.

"Because of the hard work they have taken even during the deployment cycle ... it's just the best thing that could happen to a person and to see this accomplishment based on their hard work," said Gail Burgohy, program manager for the colleges and counseling staff. "It's not a regular college graduation where the students are in college for four years. Some of these folks have taken 10 to 15 years just to complete a bachelors degree."

The commencement exercise was deferred in 2010 because many students were deployed and resumed this year resulting in two college graduations according to Burgohy.

Giving the commencement address to jubilant graduates was Stewart-Hunter Garrison Commander, Col. Kevin Milton. Closing remarks were made by Pamela King, education services officer and the Third Infantry Division band performed during the ceremony.

Among those earning their associates degree from Columbia College was mother and daughter Yolanda and Lottie Lawrence. Both graduates shared that each served as an inspiration and role model throughout their journey.

Along with those earning a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership was Fort Stewart's Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin.

"Today is a very special day for me, for my Family and the Webster University family ... an accumulation of many years that I've tried to pursue my degree," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ervin.

Command Sergeant Major Clifton Johnson, 3rd Sustainment Brigade,



Photo by Renee Reese

**Columbia College students Yolanda and Lottie Lawrence finalize graduation details, June 24 at Fort Stewart's and Hunter Army Airfield's 31st annual commencement exercise.**

Third Infantry Division, earned his Master of Business Administration from Trident University International. Like other graduates, his story encompassed earning his degree despite long hours and lengthy deployments.

"As leaders in the United States Army, we need to continually get better and that is my battle cry as 3rd Sustainment Brigade Command Sergeant Major," Command Sgt. Maj. Johnson said. "I constantly tell my Soldiers you are to get better ... you are to improve."

According to Burgohy, Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians can further their educational journey with the help of a dedicated staff at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center.

"I want them [Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians] to know, if they are sitting out in the audience, don't think about it [earning your degree] any longer, take the first step," said Burgohy. "All they need to do is come forward and begin their program."

## HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD



### Hallstrom Lake

0800 - 1100

**Kids Fishing Tournament**



### Hunter Outdoor Pool

1130 - 2030

**Free Admission**

### Hunter Golf Club

0800 - 1200

**Golf Tournament**

### Hunter Lanes

1300 - 1600

**Free Bowling & Shoes**

## JULY 2, 2011

**Pets are prohibited at all locations.**

**Family Day Field**

1600-2200

Main Activities

Kids Rides & Games  
Face Painting  
Frisbee Dog Shows  
Petting Zoo  
Food & Beverage Vendors

*Master of Ceremonies:  
Sonny Dixon  
WTOG-TV Anchor*

1630-1715

1630

1730-1900

1830

1905-1930

1930-2130

2130

Official Government Business (OGB) Band

Frisbee Dog Show

Casino

Frisbee Dog Show

Formal Ceremony

John Taglieri

Fireworks Show



### Directions from Montgomery Gate:

1. Enter gate at Duncan Dr.
2. Take a left at first stop sign (Stephen Douglas St.)
3. Family Day Field will be to your right
4. Enjoy your day!



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“The people, the friendships and the team – that’s what I’m most proud of,” Lt. Col. Aguilar said. “And that’s what I’m going to miss the most.”

Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar – an Army engineer–leaves Savannah for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he will serve as chief of staff of the U.S. Army Engineering School.

Lieutenant Colonel Kovaleski comes to Hunter from Fort Meade, Md., where he served as the Operations Officer with the Army’s Asymmetric Warfare Group. He said he has been impressed with the Hunter installation since arriving a week ago.

“I’m honored to take over at Hunter Army Airfield as a part of the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield team, the Army’s premier power projection platform and a four-time winner of the Army Community of Excellence Award, and after only a week here, I can see why,” Lt. Col. Kovaleski said.

During his first speech as the Hunter commander, he thanked the Soldiers and staff of Hunter Army Airfield and the local communities for their warm welcome.

“Thank you for the tremendous professionalism, support and welcoming to this great community,” he said. “I look forward to serving with all of you.”

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A concern that runs through the minds of the Soldiers, whether they’ve deployed before or not, is being away from their Families.

“Being away from my wife and daughter is going to be rough,” said Pfc. Smith. “I’ve never been away from them for this long and it’s definitely going to be real hard.”

Even though Sgt. Baross has deployed numerous times, he echoes Sgt. Smith’s trepidation about leaving his Family behind.

“It’s getting harder and harder to leave my wife and boy behind,” he said. “Especially now that he’s getting older.”

Even with their minds on their Families, there is no question about the Soldiers’ capabilities when it comes to accomplishing the mission.

“I have no worries about their abilitites,” said 1st Sgt. Durant. “They’re well trained and ready to support the closing down of Iraq and to bring everyone home safe.”

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The couple has a 2-year-old daughter and is expecting a second child in October.

Being separated from loved ones for any period of time is difficult, even for veterans like Sharim Peterkin, whose husband, Staff Sgt. Kwame Peterkin, has deployed several times.

“You never get used to seeing your loved one deploy,” she said. “One would think it will get easier to deal with but it is never easy. I just pray everything goes well and they come back home safe and sound.”

Sergeant First Class Ronald McCoy Jr., 1st Platoon Sergeant, said although this will be his third deployment, he stills feel emotional when it comes time for him to leave his Family, but he is glad to have been given this opportunity to deploy as a platoon sergeant.

At the end of the ceremony, Sgt. 1st Class McCoy introduced his mentor, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Townes, who was once 473rd QM Company first sergeant to his platoon, which consists mainly of shower/laundry and clothing repair specialists.

Command Sergeant Major Townes reminded the unit that they represent their Family, unit, the Army and the country. He also stressed the importance of safety. “Safety should be forever in your mind,” he said. “The enemy is not just someone out there; the enemy is negligence.”

The 473rd Quartermaster Company deployed in October 2005 to Mosul, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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“The goal is to create a climate that minimizes incidents and encourages victims to report incidents,” said Newman. “Although the propensity to report is expected to increase, over time the number of assaults is expected to decrease due to increased cultural change.”

Sexual assault knows no boundaries when it comes to specific military branches, thus the reason why the Department of Defense has taken a comprehensive approach to prevent and deal with sexual assault.

“The department’s position on sexual assault is clear: one sexual assault is one too many. Sexual assault has absolutely no place in today’s armed forces. We are firmly committed to doing our best to ensure that those who have stepped forward to protect our country are themselves protected within the ranks,” said Under Secretary of Defense for personnel and readiness Dr. Clifford L. Stanley.

Eradicating sexual assault is a proactive commitment commencing at the highest level however, responsibility remains at all levels.

“There are no bystanders; we all have a role in this,” said 1st Sgt. Ralph Algieri, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.



# 260th gives CAP cadets a taste of Army life

**Spc. Matthew Vogler**

*260th Quartermaster Bn. Public Affairs*

The blazing sun on June 23 did not deter the cadets of the South Carolina Civil Air Patrol from touring the various facilities that keep Hunter Army Airfield operational.

Among the toured sites were the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade hangar and the 260th Quartermaster Battalion motorpool.

More than 100 cadets poured out of busses outside of one of the 3rd CAB hangars, where four of the Brigade's companies displayed their flight vehicles and offered the chance for the visitors to sit in the cockpits.

Shortly after, the busses were re-loaded and the cadets headed to the 260th QM motorpool, where they viewed the various vehicles and equipment that keep the battalion mission-ready, including fuel trucks, the portable petroleum laboratory, and the shower units.

"There are three main functions of the Civil Air Patrol: aerospace education, the cadet program, and emergency services," said Capt. Bill Hargrove, encampment commandant. "Here are examples of the cadet program and aerospace education. We've already visited the Marine Corps aviation at Parris Island, and now we're showing them the Army side of the house."

"One of our main missions is cadet education," explained Jeff Parcell, the director of cadet programs. "Most of the cadets in the Civil Air Patrol have a lot of interest in aviation. [By visiting HAAE] we're exposing them to as much stuff as possible."

Sergeant Roy Davis, 110th

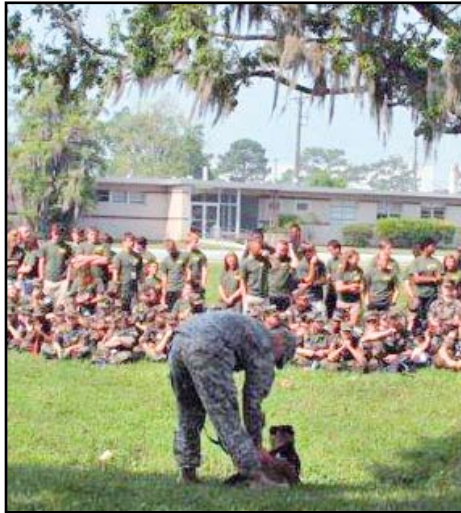


Photo by Nancy Gould

***Military Police Working Dogs perform their skills for South Carolina Civil Air Patrol cadets at Hunter Army Airfield, June 23.***

Quartermaster Company, 260th Quartermaster Bn., showed the cadets his 1088 fuel tank truck. "Most of the questions the cadets asked were combat-based," Sgt. Davis said. "I gave the best answers I could, based on my real-life experiences in Iraq. This is a good example of a real, dangerous job we do for them to learn."

The cadets enthusiastically learned everything they could during their visit.

"This is really fun," says Cadet Tech Sgt. Timothy Shannon, age 14. "[Hunter] is one of most impressive Army bases I've been to."

Cadet Capt. Ben Gardner, age 17, is the encampment cadet commander of the Civil Air Patrol cadet program. He was pleased with both the facilities with



Photo by Spc. Matthew Vogler

***Sergeant First Class Elias Odar gives the cadets of the South Carolina Civil Air Patrol a brief to introduce them to the 260th Quartermaster Bn. Motorpool.***

Hunter Army Airfield and the enthusiasm of his cadets to learn about how the Army functions.

"It is benefitting the cadets to see how the branches of the military work," Gardner said. "Getting hands on with how [the Soldiers] keep Hunter Army Airfield working is a great experience, and the cadets are having fun."

The cadets also took away the different options that will be available to them upon graduating high school.

"A warrant officer told us about [a pro-

gram called] High School to Flight School," said Cadet Master Sgt. Austin Snyder, age 15. "I didn't know about that; it might be what I want to do after graduation."

"I've learned a lot looking at all of the helicopters," added Cadet Tech Sgt. Morgan Mastry, age 16.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Corbin Godfrin, age 12, was motivated by the displays.

"I hope to drive one of the Chinooks or the Apache," he said.